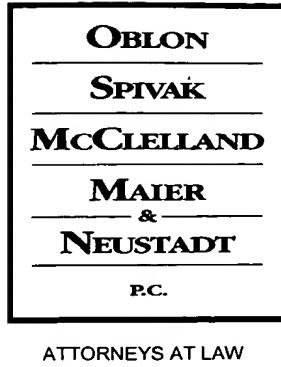




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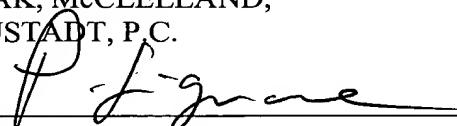
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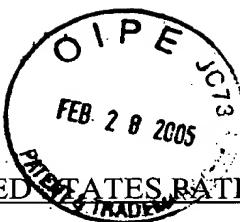
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In response to the Restriction Requirement of January 27, 2005, Applicants elect Species I directed to the embodiment disclosed in Fig. 21 and lists Claims 19-44, 79 and 80 as readable thereon. Applicants makes this election without traverse based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the examination on the merits of Claims 19-44, 79 and 80 be conducted.

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